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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  
National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation

Docket No. CP14-88-000  
Docket No. CP14-100-000

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED  
NIAGARA EXPANSION PROJECT AND  
NORTHERN ACCESS 2015 PROJECT

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Niagara Expansion Project, proposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (TGP) and the Northern Access 2015 Project, proposed by National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) in the above-referenced dockets. TGP requests authorization to construct new natural gas pipeline facilities and modifications at existing compressor and meter stations in Erie and Chautauqua Counties, New York and Mercer County, Pennsylvania to lease 140,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas capacity from National Fuel. National Fuel proposes to construct compression and metering facilities in Erie and Cattaraugus Counties, New York to provide the proposed leased capacity to TGP. According to TGP and National Fuel, their projects would increase natural gas delivery capacity in the northeast region of the U.S.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Niagara Expansion Project and the Northern Access 2015 Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed projects, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

TGP proposes to construct approximately 3.1 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Chautauqua County, New York; modify piping at an existing compressor station in Mercer County, Pennsylvania; install a new pig<sup>1</sup> receiver at an existing

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<sup>1</sup> A pig is an internal tool that can be used to clean and dry a pipeline and/or to inspect it for damage or corrosion.

compressor station in Chautauqua County, New York; and modify an existing meter station in Erie County, New York to allow for bi-directional flow.

National Fuel proposes to construct a new 15,400 horsepower compressor station in Cattaraugus County, New York; install 7,700 horsepower of additional compression and ancillary facilities at the existing Concord Compressor Station in Erie County, New York; and modify the existing East Eden Station in Erie County, New York to allow for bi-directional flow.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Public Reference Room  
888 First Street NE, Room 2A  
Washington, DC 20426  
(202) 502-8371

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before **August 15, 2014**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments with the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP14-88-000 or CP14-100-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the [eComment](#) feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the [eFiling](#) feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to [Documents and](#)

Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “[eRegister](#).” You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select “Comment on a Filing”; or

- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>2</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but **you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered**.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search,” and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP14-88 or CP14-100). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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<sup>2</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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